

motion to invoke cloture on the conference report on H.R. 1906, the Agriculture Appropriations Act, I would have voted against cloture.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE RULES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I hereby give notice in writing that I intend to offer an amendment to the Standing Rules of the Senate that would require any Senator to report to the Select Committee on Ethics any credible information available to him or her that indicates that any Senator may have: (1) violated the Senate Code of Office Conduct; (2) violated a law; or (3) violated any rule or regulation of the Senate relating to the conduct of individuals in the performance of their duties as Senators. Such allegations or information may be reported to the chairman, the vice chairman, a committee member, or the staff director of the Select Committee on Ethics.

The material follows:

#### AMENDMENT No. —

On page \_\_\_, after line \_\_\_, insert the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_. REQUIRING SENATORS TO REPORT CREDIBLE INFORMATION OF CORRUPTION.

The Standing Rules of the Senate are amended by adding at the end the following:

#### "RULE XLIV

#### "REQUIRING SENATORS TO REPORT CREDIBLE INFORMATION OF CORRUPTION

"(a) A Senator shall report to the Select Committee on Ethics any credible information available to him or her that indicates that any Senator may have—

"(1) violated the Senate Code of Office Conduct;

"(2) violated a law; or

"(3) violated any rule or regulation of the Senate relating to the conduct of individuals in the performance of their duties as Senators.

"(b) Information may be reported under subsection (a) to the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, a Committee member, or the staff director of the Select Committee on Ethics."

#### SEC. \_\_\_. BRIBERY PENALTIES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

Section 201(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", except that, with respect to a person who violates paragraph (2), the amount of the fine under this subsection shall be not less than \$100,000, the term of imprisonment shall be not less than 1 year, and such person shall be disqualified from holding any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States".

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, October 12, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,660,733,437,442.56 (Five trillion, six hundred sixty billion, seven hundred thirty-three million, four hundred thirty-seven thousand, four hundred forty-two dollars and fifty-six cents).

Five years ago, October 12, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,686,727,000,000 (Four trillion, six hundred eighty-six billion, seven hundred twenty-seven million).

Ten years ago, October 12, 1989, the Federal debt stood at \$2,869,151,000,000 (Two trillion, eight hundred sixty-nine billion, one hundred fifty-one million).

Fifteen years ago, October 12, 1984, the Federal debt stood at \$1,572,268,000,000 (One trillion, five hundred seventy-two billion, two hundred sixty-eight million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,088,465,437,442.56 (Four trillion, eighty-eight billion, four hundred sixty-five million, four hundred thirty-seven thousand, four hundred forty-two dollars and fifty-six cents) during the past 15 years.

#### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, in the interest of moving this appropriations bill forward, I will withdraw my amendment to increase the funding for the successful GEAR-UP program. However, I urge the conferees to fund this program at \$240 million—\$60 million over the Senate bill—so that now needy students can get the support they need to attend college.

More than 130,000 students will be denied services if GEAR UP is funded at \$180 million rather than at the President's request of \$240 million. \$154 million is needed just to fully fund continuation grants for this year's grantees. We must uphold our commitment to these students, and extend the opportunity that this program offers to every needy student.

This year, 678 applications for both state and local partnerships were received and we were only able to fund 185—only 1 out of 4 applications. We have to do more to help children early so that college is accessible for every child.

Many low-income families do not know how to plan for college, often because they have not done it before. We should do more to ensure that schools and communities can provide the academic support, early college awareness activities, and information on financial aid and scholarships so that students and their families can plan for a better future. We must encourage our young people to have high expectations, to stay in school, and to take the necessary courses so that they can succeed in college. We cannot abandon the five-year commitment that we made to these families last year.

I commend my colleagues on the appropriations committee for making hard choices between important programs. But, I urge you to give GEAR UP your highest consideration in conference.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting a treaty and sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC LICENSES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 64

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114, 110 Stat. 785, I transmit herewith a semiannual report "detailing payments made to Cuba . . . as a result of the provision of telecommunications services" pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 13, 1999.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 322. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

S. 800. An act to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 20. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.

H.R. 643. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building."

H.R. 748. An act to amend the act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historic Parks Advisory Commission.

H.R. 1374. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680